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### **NEBRASKA GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES GUIDANCE FOR ALLOWING ELECTIVE SURGERIES BEGINNING MAY 4**

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts announced Monday that the State of Nebraska plans to relax existing Directed Health Measure requirements in order to allow elective surgical procedures to resume beginning May 4, 2020.

No formal order or guidance document has yet been issued. However, according to the Governor's announcement, elective procedures will be allowed to resume in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers that meet the following criteria:

- 30 percent of bed capacity is available
- 30 percent of intensive care bed capacity available
- 30 percent of ventilators available
- Two-weeks of PPE available onsite

Currently, elective medical and dental surgeries and procedures prohibited by Directed Health Measure Order 2020-010. That order is in effect for all Nebraska counties, and is set to expire in some counties as early as April 30 if not extended. Although none has yet been issued, formal action such as a Directed Health Measure revision will be necessary to effectuate the guidance announced by the Governor.

Cline Williams continues to closely monitor legislative, executive, and industry actions related to the health care industry and response to COVID-19. In the meantime, if you have any questions related to these issues or the impact of COVID-19, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Cline Williams Health Law Section.

Please contact a member of the Cline Williams Health Care Section if you have any questions or would like any assistance.



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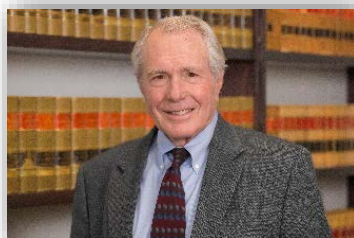
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